

George R. Pierce owned this house in 1877 and is listed on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas patron list as a farmer owning 60 acres and whos family came from Sussex County, Delaware around 1843. A George Davis of Delaware owned the property in 1858 but it is unlikely that this structure existed at that time.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 1-126

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Pierch-Davis Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Ward's Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

1

Cecil

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mary\*\* Ellen Davis

Frances W. Hearne

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Ward's Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21913

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: WAS 26

Folio #: 42

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Pierce-Davis Farm c. 1870 is a 2½ story five bay by one room center hall single pile stuccoed frame house on Wards Hill Road, just east of Route 282, at Cash Corner. The house faces north with the main gable running east/west.

The main block has a two story three bay by one room ell kitchen wing to the south. The entire house rests on a fieldstone foundation with a partial basement under the dining room. The entire youse was sheathed with weatherboard but has been completely stuccoed. The main block is covered with a steeply pitched seamed tin south slope and composition tile north slope. The kitchen roof is also seamed tin with a less of a pitch.

The north (main) facade of the house is symmetrically oriented with a central entrance and corresponding 6/6 sash windows with plain surrounds but no shutters. The entrance retains its four panel door with two light sidelights and three light transom which are framed by a heavily molded surround. The pintels remain, however. A central cross gable is flanked by two 6/6 sash dormers with extended eaves with simple supportive brackets. This was set in below the main cornice and above the attic light for added emphasis. The cornice is also molded with cyma curves and a bed molding. A front porch used to stretch across the entire first floor but has since been reduced to a single central bay porch supported by square columns with rectangular inset. The base is molded as are the capitals. The shed roof has a molded cornice with scrolled brackets at each front corner. Between the posts is an arched decorative fill with clover-leaves cutout in each corner and a central pendant drop.

The east and west ends of the main block are similar with a few first and second floor 6/6 sash with attic lights, which flank the interior end brick stacks.

The south side of the main block is covered partially by the rear wing but the three eastern bays are exposed. 6/6 lights illuminate the first and second floor. Two simple 6/6 sash dormers with fluted pilasters light the attic from the south.

The rear kitchen wing is primarily plain with a side entrance with adjacent 6/6 sash windows. A small gabled hood protects the doorway. A boxed cornice stretches across the second floor windows. The eave is extended on the end with short returns. A central brick chimney rises out of the kitchen wing. A single story single bay by single bay shed addition is to the east side and covers the inside corner.

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Pierce-Davis Farm

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The front block consists on a center hall with flanking parlors. The main stair has a chamfered post with molded base and grooved sides. Applied roundals decorate the top portion of the post and it is capped with a round finial with reeded horizontal band. A molded handrail is supported by turned balusters. The stringer is fairly plain and the triangular area below is plastered. The stair rises openly to the third floor. The four panel parlor doors are elaborately grained. The mantels have simple pilasters with a plain frieze, bed molding, and thick shelf. The dining room has a similar mantel with an adjacent beaded board door to the second floor rooms. No significant late 19th century farm structures remain with the house. A small storage shed with block foundation and vertical board sheathing sits directly east of the kitchen wing.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pierce-Davis Farmhouse is another example of the widely used "Georgian" I-house form in Cecil County. This structure has retained most of its architectural details although it has been stuccoed. Less common decorative forms were employed in constructing this house and therefore possesses more architectural significance as a late 19th century farmhouse. The interior graining and woodwork is also worthy of note. George R. Pierce owned the house in 1877 and is listed on the patron list for the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas as a farmer of 60 acres whose family came from Sussex Co., Delaware around 1843. The farm was owned by George Davis of Delaware according to the Martenet Map of 1858. Whether the present structure was there <sup>in 1858</sup> is not known but highly unlikely.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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Cecilton, MP.  
Quarry

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Cecilton  
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(MD.)

OCF-970

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75°52'30"

425

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426

427

428 50'





PEARCE - DAVIS FARM

CE 970

NORTH ELEVATION

NH WARWICK, MD.

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PIERCE - DAVIS FAIR

CE-970

SOUTH ELEVATION

NE  
WARWICK, MD.

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